GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3174
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PERMISSION FOR TREATMENT IN REFERRAL HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether CGHS beneficiaries are required to obtain permission of the concerned CGHS dispensary every time for continuing treatment of chronic diseases in the referral hospitals by specialists ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether the letter no. C-131019/2/2004-CGHS Desk-II dated 03.06.2004 issued by the Directorate of Health Services is in conformity with the Government policy ;

(d) if so, the effective action taken in compliance of the relevant rules referred to in the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 3004 dated18.8.2004 in the Lok Sabha ;

(e) whether the OPDs of the Government referral hospitals/CGHS dispensaries are kept closed during the tea break by doctors ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b): CGHS beneficiaries who are already taking specialised treatment in a referral Govt. Hospital are not required to take permission of the CGHS dispensary for continuing their treatment in the Govt. hospital. As medicines are issued to the beneficiaries only on the basis of valid prescription, the CGHS beneficiaries are advised to obtain fresh opinion/renewal of their prescription from the treating Govt. specialist after completion of the duration for which the earlier treatment had been advised by the Govt. doctor.

The CGHS beneficiaries can avail of in-patient(IPD) treatment and OPD tests/investigations like X-Ray, Ultrasound, etc. in the private hospitals/diagnostic centres recognised under CGHS by getting due permission from the Government for specific medical procedure/tests/investigations that have been advised by the CGHS/Government specialist or CMO in-charge of the CGHS dispensary. Permission is granted to the beneficiaries for follow-up treatment in CGHS recognised private hospitals up to a period of six months in certain specified conditions.

(c)&(d): In response to a letter received from a CGHS beneficiary, the CGHS Dte. had clarified the position to the beneficiary vide its letter dated 3.6.2004 which was of a general nature. The provisions of Govt. rules relating to CGHS are circulated from time to time for providing services under CGHS to the beneficiaries.

(e)&(f): CGHS dispensaries and OPDs of referral Govt. hospitals like Safdarjung Hospital, RML Hospital, and Lady Hardinge Medical College & SSK Hospital are not closed for any tea-break. As per the CGHS Compendium, Medical Officers and staff can take tea on their own table after 10.00 a.m. without hampering the normal functioning of the dispensary. These orders have been reiterated from time to time.